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### **CITY ATTORNEY DEMANDS AUDIT COMMITTEE ITEMIZE BILLS RELATED TO MEDIA CONTACTS**

**San Diego, CA:** In a letter today to the City's Audit Committee (Kroll, Inc.), City Attorney Michael Aguirre is requesting itemized bills that relate to communications with local or national media organizations and civic, business, or community groups and under what authority the Audit Committee performed such tasks at City taxpayer expense.

At yesterday's City Council meeting, Troy Dahlberg, a representative of the Audit Committee, confirmed that his company had billed the City of San Diego for meetings they have had with the Union Tribune's Editorial Board, the Wall Street Journal and the San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

In February 2005, the City of San Diego hired Kroll, Inc., to evaluate the findings of two separate investigations performed by the law firm of Vinson & Elkins and the San Diego City Attorney's Office regarding the City's financial disclosure practices and its unfunded city employee pension plan which is currently \$1.7 billion in the hole.

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